**11FULTZ-TRIAL 12/11/24 WRAP YVONNE KRUMREY/KTOO**

After three years and dozens of hearings, a former Juneau, Alaska chiropractor, who targeted primarily Native women, will go to trial.

Jeffrey Fultz is charged with sexually assaulting more than a dozen patients who received medical care at a tribal health organization that serves Southeast Alaska.

At a recent hearing, Assistant District Attorney Jessalyn Gillum (Jess-uh-lin Gill-um) said the repeated delays in the case have taken a big toll on his alleged victims.

 **11FULTZTRIAL 1: Jessalyn Gillum/Assistant District Attorney: “The idea of just sort of delaying for delay’s sake does sometimes have an adverse effect on witnesses' willingness to participate. They get tired, they get fed up.” (10 sec)**

Police initially arrested Fultz in 2021 on three charges of sexual assault. More women have since come forward since, fourteen in all.

Some of the alleged crimes date back more than a decade. The charges against Fultz are based on accusations that he assaulted patients who sought chiropractic care, while he worked for Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium.

Since Fultz posted bail three years ago, he has been living in Colorado.

His attorney, James Christie, took on the case last January. Christie argued at each hearing that his team hasn’t had enough time to review the case.

**11FULTZTRIAL2. James Christie/Attorney for Jeffrey Fultz: “I understand that everyone on the line has rights here and my client’s constitutional right to a fair trial trumps all of them.” (8 sec)**

Despite those objections, the judge has blocked out five weeks for a trial, starting in February.

Christie had also requested that the witnesses calling in to court to testify, be publicly identified. Another motion he filed asked for broader access to their medical records. The judge denied both requests.

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